



LETTER OF DEFICIENCY #WSEB 03-015
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Brad Whipple
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Subject Sugar Hill Public Water System: Ledgeland Cottages (EPA #2257010)

Dear Mr Whipple

The records of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) show that Ledgeland Cottages water system is classified as a public water system (PWS), as defined by RSA 485:1-a. A PWS is defined as any water system supplying 15 or more services, or 25 or more people, for 60 or more days per year. As such, the water system owner is required to submit bacteria samples to the State laboratory or a State-certified laboratory for coliform bacteria analysis in compliance with NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 325.

DES records show that the subject water system failed to submit bacteria samples and as a result Monitoring/Reporting (M/R) violations were issued for the following months:

June 2002 and December 2002

In view of the Monitoring/Reporting violations, DES believes the deficiencies can be corrected by taking the following action:

By February 18, 2003, submit a water "make up" sample for bacteria analysis to the state laboratory, or a state-certified laboratory, in accordance with NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 325.

In the future, submit routine water samples for bacteria analysis during the water system's scheduled sampling months of **March, June, September and December**.

Pursuant to Env-Ws 351, owners of public water systems are required to issue public notification when a system has failed to monitor for bacteriological water quality. DES records show that the water system has failed to perform public notification for the June 2002 monitoring violation. To date, the water system has not submitted proof of public notice for the December 2002 monitoring violation.

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In view of the public notice violations, DES believes the deficiencies can be corrected, and future violations prevented, by taking the following actions:

1. **By February 18, 2003**, carry out the public notice requirements for the sampling violations listed above; and
2. **By March 4, 2003**, provide proof of public notice to DES.

In the event compliance is not achieved within this period, DES may take further enforcement action, including issuing an order requiring the deficiencies be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding and/or referring the matter to the NH Department of Justice for imposition of appropriate penalties.

Please contact Alan Leach by phone at (603) 271-2854 or by e-mail at aleach@des.state.nh.us, if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Anthony P. Giunta, P.G., Administrator
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cc: Gretchen Rule, DES Legal Unit
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